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SUBJECT: MALAGASY EXPLORATION OF SMALL ARMS PROCUREMENT IN U.S.

REFS: TANANARIVE 1539 AND STATE 224506

1. MALAGASY MINISTER TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT GENERAL ANDRIAMAHAZO EXPRESSED CONCERN TO ME JANUARY 9 THAT PRC HAS LEARNED OF HIS APPROACH TO U.S. ABOUT PURCHASING MILITARY EQUIPMENT. HE SAID THIS BECAME EVIDENT WHEN PRC OFFICIAL POINTED OUT TO HIM THAT PRC APPROACH TO ARMY IS MUCH MORE APPROPRIATE FOR POOR DEVELOPING COUNTRY LIKE MADAGASCAR, AND URGED HIM AVOID EXPENSIVE AMERICAN APPROACH.

2. ANDRIAMAHAZO SAID THAT WITHIN GOMR INFORMATION ON APPROACH TO U.S. HAD BEEN TIGHTLY HELD TO CHIEF GOVT GEVERAL RAMANANTSOA, FOREIGN MINISTER RATSIRAKA, MINISTER ECONOMY AND FINANCE RAMAROSON (WHO TOLD ONLY ABOUT WEEK AGO), AND HIMSELF.

3. I TOLD HIM I HAD NO IDEA HOW INFORMATION COULD HAVE LEAKED TO CHINESE. IF DEPT OR DOD CAN OFFER ANY INSIGHTS, WOULD APPRECIATE THEM.

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